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Dear Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants submit the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (as checked below):

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Copies of the listed documents, other than United States patents, are included.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and

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indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO 1449 form.

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The following is a concise statement of the relevance of the non-English language documents.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English language documents, an English language version of a search report from a foreign patent office in a corresponding application citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed.

This submission does not represent that: (i) Applicant has read or analyzed any of the documents cited herein, except as otherwise provided; (ii) a search has been conducted; (iii) that no other documents exist which may be material to the examination of this application exist; or (iv) that any of the listed documents, or any part thereof, are material or constitute prior art under title 35 of the United States Code. Applicant reserves the right to present evidence and arguments to counter an assertion that any such documents are prior art, and/or to establish the patentability of the claimed invention.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Applicants) hereby petitions for any extension of time or for any other grounds needed to make this submission timely and proper. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due in connection with this submission and not otherwise covered by payment included herewith, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 502088.

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